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Dr. Robert F. Sawyer
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Dear Dr. Sawyer:

On behalf of the Port of Oakland, I would like to reiterate our support for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Union Pacific Railroad Company and BNSF Railway Company. The staff's January 13, 2006 staff report clearly demonstrates the benefits of the MOU and the Port urges the Board to leave the agreement in place at your hearing today.

Specifically, over the past six months the railroads have accomplished the following:

- Submitted study plans for health risk assessments at designated yards
- Limited nonessential locomotive idling to 60 minutes and installed or ordered required idling devices
- Provided an update on the diesel particulate filter technology and pilot program
- Provided 1-800 numbers to communities to report idling or smoking locomotives
- Conducted trainings to inform staff how to implement the new anti-idling and visible emission requirements
- Provided Visible Emission and Idling Coordinators at each designated rail yard
- Conducted early reviews of possible short term action to reduce emission at designated rail yards
- Held or scheduled community meetings at over 50% of the designated yards to discuss early actions to reduce emissions
- Drafted program review and inspection protocols

The CARB Board should leave the MOU in effect as it achieves 20% reduction in locomotive PM emissions statewide that could not be required by any other regulatory agency in California and establishes a community based process to review further reductions. Both railroads move freight into and out of near dock yards in the heart of the Port facilities. Union Pacific's Railport-Oakland yard is a designated yard under the MOU. As direct beneficiaries of this agreement, the Port looks forward to working with CARB and the railroads to implement this innovative agreement.

Sincerely,

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